

§329.2. Licensure by Examination – adopted to be effective January 1, 2016

Summary of Amendment: The amendment establishes a lifetime maximum of attempts and a low score maximum for taking the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) to comply with changes in the eligibility requirements which will be implemented by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) who owns and administers the test, and eliminates the requirement for remediation after two (2) or more unsuccessful attempts.

§329.2. Licensure by Examination.

(a) Requirements. An applicant applying for licensure by examination must:

- (1) meet the requirements as stated in §329.1 of this title (relating to General Licensure Requirements and Procedures);
- (2) register to take the national exam through this state, and have the first score report sent to this state; and
- (3) pass the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants with the score set by the board. Score reports must be sent directly to the board by the authorized score reporting service.

(b) Re-examination.

- (1) An applicant who fails the exam is eligible to take the examination again after submitting a re-exam application and fee.
- (2) An applicant can take the exam a maximum of six (6) times.
- (3) An applicant who receives two (2) very low scores on the exam (scale scores 400 or below) will not be eligible to test again.
- (4) An applicant can take the exam for PTs six (6) times and also take the exam for PTAs six (6) times if otherwise eligible to do so.

(c) Failure of PT exam. An applicant who fails the physical therapy examination may apply for licensure as a PTA and take the physical therapist assistant examination if he meets all other requirements for licensure.

(d) Exam Accommodations. The board will provide reasonable accommodations for the national exam. An individual requesting special accommodations must submit the request to the board at least 30 days prior to the deadline for registering for the licensing examination. The board will process the accommodation request once all of the required information and documentation is received. The request includes the following forms:

- (1) A completed Accommodations Request Form;
- (2) A Professional Documentation of Disability Form, completed by a diagnostician meeting the board's requirements, which includes documentation of tests and measures used to diagnose the disability, and the results of those tests and measures;
- (3) A completed Consent to Release Information Form; and
- (4) The Academic Program Verification Form completed by the director of the academic program attended, if accommodations were granted by the PT or PTA program.